GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:06.07.2004
INDO-UK COLLABORATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Indo-UK collaboration on Higher Education was held in New Delhi in the month of February,2004;and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the main focus of the discussion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS a & b OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.35TO BE ANSWERED ON 6.7.2004 REGARDING INDO-UK COLLABORATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION ASKED BY SHRI PRABODH PANDA.

According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), a policy meeting was held jointly by the UGC, New Delhi, the Higher Education Funding Council of England (HEFCE), UK and the British Council of India on 12-13 February, 2004 at India International Centre. The focus of the discussion meeting was the role of higher education in national and regional development with reference to both the countries.

The meeting deliberated and shared mutual experiences of the impact of higher education initiatives at the regional and national levels. It identified specific characteristics and good practices in regional development and other spheres as a result of initiatives in higher education. The forum providea an opportunity to share information on current higher education policy initiatives and their impact on regional development in the two countries. It was also decided to develop a pilot project which illustrates the contribution of higher education for strategic development of a region as well as national priorities in both countries with the help of the case studies of the Indian and the British Universities.